



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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An ordinance approving an agreement between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville-Davidson County, Tennessee, by and through the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department ("MNPD"), and Vanderbilt University Medical Center ("VUMC") to provide medical support and work cooperatively with other on-scene first responders to assist in any situations encountered by MNPD that require medical support.

WHEREAS, the agreement between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville-Davidson County, Tennessee ("Metro"), for MNPD, and VUMC, a Tennessee non-profit corporation, specifies the parties' benefits and obligations regarding medical support; and,

WHEREAS, approval of the agreement will benefit the citizens of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the agreement between the Metropolitan Government of Nashville-Davidson County, Tennessee ("Metro"), for MNPD, and VUMC, a Tennessee non-profit corporation, specifies the parties' benefits and obligations regarding medical support, attached hereto and incorporated herein, is hereby approved.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect from and after its final passage, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

Analysis

This ordinance approves an agreement between the Metro Nashville Police Department (MNPD) and Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) to provide medical support and assistance during MNPD incidents. This agreement, called a Tactical Medical Services Agreement, is for VUMC Emergency Medicine Department to provide assistance to MNPD with emergency medical services, provide medical direction, and clinical training. The services to be provided include overseeing medical assistance to law enforcement personnel and citizens, both remotely and at an active scene.

VUMC will designate a physician to oversee the services provided under the agreement. The agreement specifically provides that VUMC's services are voluntary, and are subject to the availability of personnel and their willingness to respond. The agreement does not represent a contractual obligation for VUMC to respond to any particular incident regardless of the circumstances, and there specifically will be no liability for VUMC or any employee for not responding.

When VUMC comes to an active scene, MNPD will establish a "safe zone" perimeter for medical personnel. MNPD will move injured persons to the safe zone for treatment.

The term of the agreement is for one year, but may be extended for up to four additional one year periods. No compensation will be provided to VUMC as a result of the agreement.

Fiscal Note: There is no cost to Metro for the performance of this agreement.